# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2481
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DECLINE OF SOONS DOLPHINS
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether it is a fact that a species of Dolphins called `Soons` Dolphins found in the River Ganges basins are almost on the verge of extinct and their number is continuously decreasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government for increasing the number of Soons Dolphins?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a) to (e): The Fisheries Research Institutes under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research have not conducted any survey on Soons Dolphins of the River Ganges.